

Achievement Award—2009; Inducted into The Alabama Business Hall of Fame—2008; Indian Springs School's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year—2003; CARE Philanthropist of the Year—2000; Member, Alabama Academy of Honor—1997; Outstanding Philanthropist in Alabama—1994; First CARE World Humanitarian Award—1990; Alexander City Man of the Year—1975.

Mr. Russell turned 80 on January 18, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mr. Russell a very happy 80th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO'S BUSINESS LEADERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding business leaders in California's Capital Region being honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 123rd annual dinner and business awards ceremony. Those being honored are dedicated to the success of the region and have worked tirelessly to advance its economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans, and in thanking the Sacramento Metro Chamber for its tireless efforts to promote business in northern California.

Winnie Comstock-Carlson, President and Publisher of Comstock's Magazine, is Sacramentan of the Year. Mrs. Comstock-Carlson's leadership at the magazine and in the community has served the greater Sacramento region for 28 years. Additionally, she has served on the Metro Chamber board and has been involved in numerous regional non-profit charitable organizations.

Shannon Deary-Bell, President and CEO of Nor-Cal Beverage, is Businesswoman of the Year. Mrs. Deary-Bell is a strong leader in the Sacramento business community. Her service and support of the American Heart Association and many other charitable organizations has not gone unnoticed by the community.

Rick Niello, President of The Niello Company, is Businessman of the Year. Mr. Niello's work as a community leader and humanitarian has had a great impact on the Sacramento region for many years. The Niello Company supports over 40 local charities and non-profit organizations in its philanthropic efforts.

F&M Bank is being inducted into the Centennial Business Hall of Fame. F&M Bank has been providing financial services to individuals, families, and businesses in California for over 100 years. The bank's longevity is a testament to the high quality service and security it continues to provide to Californians.

East Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries and Sacramento International Airport are both being inducted into the Business Hall of Fame. East Lawn has been an exceptional Sacramento business for over 110 years, establishing deep roots in our community's history. East Lawn's pristine service and care of beloved family and friends who have passed on strengthens community bonds. Sacramento International Airport has been serving Sacramento for over 50 years. In 2011 the airport opened the impressive new Terminal B, which has brought great pride and convenience to

the people of Sacramento and the many travelers visiting our region.

Digital Deployment and GNT Solutions are the dual recipients of the Small Business of the Year Award. Digital Deployment opened in Sacramento 13 years ago. Its care for its employees and customers is second to none, which is proven by their impressive success and growth. Its CEO Mac Clemmens is a native Sacramentan and a leader among Sacramento's young up-and-coming CEOs. GNT Solutions has been helping local Sacramento businesses with technology troubles for 14 years. Its experienced team continues to provide its customers with friendly and effective service, allowing businesses to run smoothly and free of IT issues.

Cassandra Jennings, CEO and President of the Greater Sacramento Urban League, is the recipient of this year's Al Geiger Memorial Award. Mrs. Jennings's passion for community development and the lives of the people that live in the Sacramento region is remarkable. Mrs. Jennings is carrying on Mr. Geiger's legacy by serving as a role model who helps inspire others to leadership in service to our region.

Erica Taylor, Vice President of Communications and Community Relations for the Golden 1 Credit Union, is the Volunteer of the Year. Her work over the past two years has played a major part in Golden 1 Credit Union's success as a business and as a partner of our beloved Sacramento Kings.

Jennifer Ablog, Community and Government Relations Manager for Kaiser Permanente, is this year's Young Professional of the Year. Born, raised, and educated in Sacramento, Ms. Ablog is proud to call Sacramento her home. Her dedicated work for Kaiser Permanente has certainly improved the health of the Sacramento community.

Veronika Monell of JumpStart Now is Ambassador of the Year. Mrs. Monell has been praised for her honest and passionate work with small businesses in the Sacramento region. The innovative ideas she brings promotes a progressive Sacramento, helping our businesses lead in the modern economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending them for their unwavering commitment to Sacramento.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF KATHLEEN DEPIERO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Kathleen DePiero who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 30, 2017 after a brief illness.

Kathleen graduated from Parkersburg High School and received a degree in journalism from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. She was an Emmy Award winning television reporter and anchor, which included stops in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Cleveland, Ohio. Known for her captivating storytelling and being a natural on camera, Kathleen was

well respected and admired by her colleagues. Kathleen was also a loving mother to two children, Blake and Hadley. She wanted to be there for every aspect of their lives, every single day. Kathleen treasured her time at her family's lake house and her parent's home in Hilton Head Island. She was the happiest surrounded by family and close friends.

Kathleen was known for describing herself as a: Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Friend, Cousin, Aunt, Colleague, Head Room Mom, Hillary lover, Country Music Fan, Book Worm, Wine Aficionado, Half Marathoner, KI Girl, Dog Mom, FFLOP, Happy Hour Connoisseur, SIL, Paddle Boarder, Staunch Democrat, Backstage Dance Mom, Reporter, Supper Clubber, Singer, Work Out Enthusiast, Impersonator, Traveler, Dancer, Hallmark Christmas Movie Watcher, Royal Family Follower, Weather Reporter Wannabe, Granddaughter, Katie Couric Stalker, Mountaineer, Bobcat Girl, AOTT Sister, aka Deeeelores, DIL, Chicken and Biscuit Consumer, Essential Oil Guru, Carpooler, Emmy Award Winner, Yogi, Beachcomber, Cookbook Collector, Salty Dog Frequenter, and so much more.

Kathleen had an infectious laugh that will live in our hearts forever. I know she is deeply missed by her friends and family. I extend my deepest and sincerest condolences.

HONORING UNITY PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Unity Performing Arts Foundation of Fort Wayne, Indiana, along with its CEO and founder, Marshall White. Since 2000, Unity Performing Arts has focused on empowering and developing young men and women in the areas of artistry, character, and leadership. Through faith based community programming, young Hoosiers learn values that last a lifetime.

The Expressions Creative Writing program creates an avenue for students to express themselves through pen and paper, and the Voices of Unity Choir holds all participants to a standard of excellence, both on and off the stage. Nearly 18 years later, programs of the Unity Performing Arts Foundation continue to be successful in developing young leaders in our community.

Unity Performing Arts Foundation has truly had a meaningful impact on northeast Indiana, and I wish this important program continued success.

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 4433, THE SECURING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FIREARMS ACT OF 2017

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 4433, the Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act

of 2017, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not made available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCaul,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4433, the Securing DHS Firearms Act of 2017.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director*.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4433—SECURING DHS FIREARMS ACT OF 2017

As passed by the House of Representatives on January 9, 2018

H.R. 4433 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to improve the security and accountability for firearms and other sensitive assets controlled by the department (such as badges worn by certain DHS personnel). The department is currently carrying out activities similar to those that would be required by the act; thus, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4433 would not significantly affect DHS spending.

Enacting H.R. 4433 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4433 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4433 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CREATIVITY SHELL RAISES AWARENESS FOR HUMAN TRAF- FICKING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, human trafficking is a menace to our society and should be eradicated as soon as possible. Fortunately, we have outstanding organizations brave enough to stand up for those who have been subjected to the horror of modern day slavery. I am honored to recognize one of those great organizations today. Creativity Shell is a nonprofit located in Houston, Texas whose mission is to use creative trades to educate and inspire the next generation of makers. The organization teaches valuable skills like sewing and textile arts to students in public libraries, schools and shelters that rescue children from human trafficking. Creativity Shell is now launching "Hearts for a Fresh Start" to give back and raise awareness for trafficked victims. The program invites Houston kids to help sew hearts on washcloths.

The washcloths will be delivered to children in shelters who have been rescued from human trafficking. This great program was launched on January 14th and will run until

Valentine's Day. Creativity Shell's goal is to make and deliver over 5,000 washcloths to shelters all over the country. As a longtime advocate of combatting human trafficking, I applaud Creativity Shell for their passion, dedication and unwavering support of trafficked victims. It's time for us to stand together. End this scourge on society and support and protect those who have fallen prey to human trafficking. And that's just the way it is.

DR. SARFRAZ ALY NAMED PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Sarfraz Aly for being named OakBend Medical Center's 2017 Physician of the Year.

Dr. Aly was awarded this honor thanks to his 14 years of experience and reputation for kindness and sincerity appreciated by patients and staff alike. The Physician of the Year award is OakBend's highest recognition, and honors the physician who demonstrates significant skill, along with genuine compassion for both patients and coworkers.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dr. Aly for being named OakBend Medical Center's 2017 Physician of the Year. We all benefit from his commitment to quality healthcare, and I thank him for his dedication to keep Houstonians healthy.

TRIBUTE TO THE VAN METER FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Van Meter High School Football team for winning the Iowa High School 1A State Football Championship.

I would like to congratulate each member of the team: Owen Jones, Alex Jones, Cody Coffman, Colby Wiederholt, Jack Trudo, Tyler Haynes, Carson Rhodes, Calvin Sieck, Anthony Potthoff, Blake Fryar, Blade Koons, Hunter Coyle, JJ Richards, Maddox Artzer, Kolby Booge, Zane Dodson, Gavin Goodrich, JJ Durlinger, Cade Costlow, Davis Coppinger, Jackson Wilcox, Cameron Smolik, Allen Van Pelt, Cole Lauterbach, Anthony Lowman, Zach Drummond, Kasey O'Brien, Quinn Corcoran, Antonio Angel, Sam Thompson, Ian Abrahamson, Kobe Richards, Isaac Roeder, Sam Bardwell, Parker Fryar, Owen Crawford, Sam Grob, Cole Crawford, Max Pettit, Brett Berg, Noah Hale, Collin Godwin, Connor Guess, Noah Miller, Sam Ruggles, Sam Miller, Carson Hess, Derek Golwitzer, Ryder Koons, Austin Emans, Jarin Young, Caleb Peterson, Grant Hulscher, Ryan Schmitt, Andrew Simpson Ryan Boles, Patrick Junker, Tyler Erdman, Sean Boles, Max Gilliland, Dakotah Herr, Gabe Kuehler, Zach Madden, Vincent Jacobs, Creighton Netten, Justin Hess, Chris Reames, Dusty Schultzen;

Head Coach: Eric Trudo;

Coaches: Rick Roberts, Dustin Wright, Joel Bartz, Jay Olson, Brian Gordon, Addison Boughton, and Curtis Giesking.

Mr. Speaker, by winning the championship this year, this team and their coaches demonstrated the rewards of hard work, commitment, and determination. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the team for competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY AND RICHARD GEISE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nancy and Richard Geise of Underwood, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 17, 2017.

Nancy and Richard's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO MO COLLINS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mo Collins for being named Advocate of the Year by the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

The Advocate of the Year is awarded to someone who has affected change through supporting and advocating for Iowa women business owners. Mo brings over 20 years of experience to her work, including 17 years in senior level roles launching and managing entrepreneurial and small business programs at the University of Northern Iowa. She is now a speaker, consultant, and writer whose focus on technology innovation, entrepreneurship, and small business issues has helped women all over North America to operate and run a business or organization in today's economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Mo in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for this outstanding accomplishment. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her and in wishing Mo nothing but continued success.